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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, PK

SUB: BENNY CARTER AMERICAN JAZZ QUINTET

REF: DEPARTMENT A-5588

1. PROPOSED PAKISTAN DATES FOR BENNY CARTER GROUP COINCIDE ALMOST EXACTLY WITH MUHURRAM MOURNING PERIOD. WHILE CONVENTIONAL PROGRAMMING POSSIBLE DURING THIS IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE A JAZZ GROUP WOULD BE CONSIDERED "ENTERTAINMENT" AND THEREFORE INAPPROPRIATE. AS A FOREIGN MISSION SPONSORING SUCH A PROGRAM WE COULD BE SUBJECT TO ACCUSATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY AND BEING IRRELIGIOUS.

2. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE REARRANGE ITINERARY SO THAT PAKISTAN VISIT SCHEDULED BEFORE JANUARY 5 (BEGINNING OF MUHARRAM) OR AFTER JANUARY 14. PERIOD JANUARY 14-21 WOULD BE IDEAL FOR PAKISTAN.

3. WE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROGRAMMING GROUP AND DO NOT WISH  
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TO PASS UP OPPORTUNITY.

4. WE INTERPRET FROM REF AIRGRAM THAT PERFORMANCE FEES AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR PAKISTAN VISIT WILL BE BORNE BY DEPARTMENT.

5. WE REALIZE OTHER OTHER MUSLIM COUNTRIES MAY BE AFFECTED BUT BELIEVE THAT EXCEPT FOR IRAN SIGNIFICANCE THIS RELIGIOUS PERIOD GREATEST IN PAKISTAN AND SENSITIVITIES MOST ACUTE.  
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